



U.S. PEACE CORPS

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Are you a native speaker of any of the following languages: Ilokano, Hiligaynon, Waray-Waray, Bicolano, Kinaray-a, or any other languages in Northern Luzon and the Visayas? If so, we invite you to participate in the:

Training Workshop on Peace Corps Language Testing

Language training has been an integral part of a Peace Corps trainee's preparation since the creation of the Peace Corps in 1961. The Peace Corps Act mandated that language performance be part of the preparation of Peace Corps Volunteers.

The Language Proficiency Interview

In order to test the effectiveness of language acquisition, interviewers are trained to assess trainees' and Volunteers' oral proficiency with an assessment known as the language proficiency interview (LPI).

With the language proficiency interview, the Peace Corps joins a group of educational, governmental, and private institutions who rely on a language proficiency assessment to evaluate and inform its members regarding their linguistic functional ability. By training interviewers all over the world, the Peace Corps provides a reliable assessment for all trainees and Volunteers that can be compared to other assessment tools in the United States.

Potential language testers receive interviewer training in English. Then, the principles of testing and interviewing are applied to the local languages. Through the certification process, Peace Corps language proficiency interview testers are certified to test in all the languages taught by Peace Corps' programs. As a result, the Peace Corps provides testing for some of the rarest language varieties in the world.

Who May Participate In the Workshop?

Selection Criteria for Participants to the Language Tester Training Workshop

- **Experience.** Prior experience in teaching the local language to Peace Corps Volunteers is preferred. However, if you have had the experience working with Peace Corps in other functions or have a wide understanding of what the Peace Corps does, then you qualify to participate in this workshop. Others who have not worked with Peace Corps but have two years or more experience in teaching languages are also welcome to apply.
- **Proficiency in language of tester training workshop.** Workshop participants must have an adequate level of ability in English (language that will be used in the tester training workshop) so that they understand the instruction.
- **Proficiency in the language of testing.** Participants to this workshop should have a level of proficiency of a native speaker in any of the following languages: Ilokano, Hiligaynon, Waray-Waray, Bicolano, Kinaray-a, any other languages in Northern Luzon and the Visayas.
- **Commitment.** Participants must be able to commit themselves to participate fully in the five-day tester training workshop and to be available during testing periods to be considered for certification.

Workshop Details:

When: Batch 1: February 21 – 25, 2011
Batch 2: February 28 – March 4, 2011
Where: Peace Corps Office, 6th Flr. PNB Financial Center Bldg., Macapagal Avenue, Pasay City
Registration: Free registration
Number of Participants: 24 slots only (12 participants per batch)

If you are interested to participate, or to get more details, please contact:

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Deadline to signify interest: January 14, 2011, 12:00PM

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